

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of Disclosure as follows:

A method of producing a hinged-lid packet ~~(1)~~ of cigarettes having an inner wrapping ~~(7)~~ formed by folding a first blank ~~(18)~~ of foil about a group ~~(8)~~ of cigarettes ~~(9)~~: an outer package ~~(3)~~ formed from a second blank ~~(17)~~ folded about the inner wrapping ~~(7)~~ to define a body ~~(4)~~ and a lid ~~(5)~~ hinged to each other; and a collar ~~(10)~~ formed by folding a third blank ~~(19)~~ and interposed between the inner wrapping ~~(7)~~ and the outer package ~~(3)~~; the method including the steps of juxtaposing and connecting the third blank ~~(19)~~ to the first blank ~~(18)~~ in laterally offset mutual positions; forming on the first blank ~~(18)~~ fold lines ~~(45, 46)~~ located as a function of the aforementioned mutual positions; and simultaneously folding the first and third blank ~~(18, 19)~~ about the group ~~(8)~~ of cigarettes ~~(9)~~.